

The DAU Experience

At the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), we are committed to providing our students and customers the "DAU Experience." By consistently offering quality, relevant, and valuable services, DAU has become a premier corporate university serving the Department of Defense Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L) community.

DAU is your university. We offer the courses and career-long learning assets you need, when and where you need them.



The DAU Experience exemplifies our commitment to each and every student, customer, stakeholder, faculty member, and staff employee. It means you will receive the same positive experience anywhere, anytime, no matter what part of DAU you encounter.

As DAU helps shape the future for the Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Community, our values—customer focus, performance excellence, speed and agility, and teamwork—are at the core of all we do. We promise to deliver quality training and learning assets that are relevant in today's AT&L environment, to remain connected with our customers, and to be responsive to your needs.

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DAU Strategic Goals

Provide a fully integrated, powerful learning environment that engages the learner at the point of need

Continuously improve our mission processes and support processes

Support transformation in acquisition, technology, and logistics through thought leadership, innovation, and workforce support

Ensure DAU is a great place to work by providing an environment valuing achievement, growth, diversity, and career-long learning to enhance job performance

Listen to and learn from our customers and stakeholders to exceed their expectations

DAU Vision

A premier corporate university providing a world-class learning environment



DAU Mission

Provide practitioner training, career management, and services to enable the Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics community to make smart business decisions and deliver timely and affordable capabilities to the warfighter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), now recognized as the best corporate university across the nation. When you come into contact with DAU, whether in the classroom, at home, or in the workplace, you too will become a part of our training transformation.

More than ever, continuous learning, knowledge sharing, and online communities of practice have become integral parts of the total DAU learning environment through the University's award-winning learning architecture—the AT&L Performance Learning Model (PLM). This model integrates all of our learning assets with your job in mind—to help you learn and succeed on the job with the right knowledge and skills at the point of need. With the learning architecture and methods we've institutionalized, you will know or be able to access everything about your jobs, on the job.

We are also addressing how to better deliver course content with a focus on engaging you with learning assets on the job. Our intent is to make you "engaged learners"; that is, to fully engage you both in the classroom and on the job. We will do this through more simulations and action-learning techniques embedded in our learning products, whether they are resident courses, distance learning, or knowledge sharing systems.

As we continue to serve a nation at war, be assured all courses and other learning assets in this 2006 DAU Catalog are meant to help you—the acquisition professional—develop and manage acquisition programs, projects, and systems that continue to make our nation's warfighters the best-equipped armed forces in the world.

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AT&L Performance Learning Model

o help shape a culture that promotes career-long learning at the point of need, DAU adopted the Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L) Performance Learning Model (PLM), which lays the foundation for meeting the professional development needs of the AT&L workforce.

Training Courses offered at DAU were established as a result of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA), which identifies education, training, and experience requirements for all AT&L workforce members by career field and certification level. In the ever-changing acquisition environment of the 21st century, however, it became clear that currency in any given career field required more than certification training alone. To complement the DAWIA requirements, DAU now offers learning assets that are accessible to all workforce members anytime, anywhere.

Performance Support is tailored to the customer's needs and may include consulting, coaching, mentoring, and facilitation. Rapid Deployment Training focuses attention on a limited number of emerging initiatives and delivers training within days of new policy implementation. Targeted training is tailored to the specific needs of an organization or integrated product team as required.

The DAU Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help employees meet the DoD requirement to complete 80 hours of continuous learning every 2 years. DAU also hosts and participates in a variety of public forum events, such as conferences, symposia, and expos, that promote learning and offer continuous learning opportunities.

Knowledge Sharing is an inherent function of any educational institution. The AT&L Knowledge Sharing System provides online access to a variety of tools and reference materials that facilitate supporting the warfighter. The Acquisition Community Connection hosts online communities of practice that provide an electronic forum for sharing knowledge, information, lessons learned, and best practices. DAU's David D. Acker Library supports the University's curricula and its research in defense acquisitions.

Each of these elements of the PLM is addressed fully in Chapter 3 of this Catalog.



Creating an environment where we learn

✓ before,

✓ during, and
✓ after

the training experience